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Holiday Doings

While many fortunate homegoers were feeling sorry for the ones who stayed on the Hill, the Christmas Family in turn was enjoying the holiday season to the highest degree. Just a few highlights can be listed here. The first event, held Saturday evening, December 19th, in the faculty quarters, was an evening of music and games and refreshments, enjoyed by all. Christmas eve found the entire family in the dining hall, where all participated in a candlelight service, singing of carols and exchange of gifts. Members of this group also went caroling in Dayton, and upon their return to the Hill enjoyed hot chocolate and cookies. Then on Christmas day, in addition to a hike up the Gulch, the Bryan family enjoyed a Christmas dinner of turkey and all the "fixin's." The guests for this occasion were Rev. and Mrs. Blackburn, their daughter, Barbara, and Mrs. Lois Hodges. The day after Christmas the students were entertained at the Levengood home, where they had a jolly evening together. The next group gathering was a taffy pull on New Year's eve. On New Year's day a special service was held in the chapel. Rev. A. J. Levengood was the speaker, using Ephesians 6:18 as his text, and the topic "Prayer." The remaining time was spent in special prayer for our country, its leaders, our boys in the service, and Bryan University. Immediately after this service a number of the group left for a hike to picturesque Laurel Falls. Returning early that evening, they were ready for the New Year's dinner. As a climax to the holiday season of joy in the Lord, the entire family spent a delightful Saturday evening at the home of the Wests, friends in Dayton.

WORDS OF WISDOM

I am not at all concerned about the Lord being on our side, for we know that the Lord is always on the side of the right. But it is my constant anxiety and sincere prayer that I and this nation should be on the Lord's side.—Abraham Lincoln.

A NEW YEAR MOTTO

I asked the New Year for some motto sweet,
Some rule of life with which to guide my feet.

I asked and paused; he answered, soft and low,

"God's will to know."

"Will knowledge, then, suffice, New Year?" I cried,

And ere the question into silence died
The answer came, "Nay; but remember, too,

God's will to do."

Once more I asked, "Is there no more to tell?"

And once again the answer softly fell;

"Yes; this one thing, all other things above,

God's will to love."

—Unknown.

GOOD RESOLUTIONS

Worldlings often make good resolutions which prove to be only ropes of sand. Christians who rely on their own strength likewise fail miserably in their New Year's determinations. There is, however, a kind of resolution in which God's children will succeed if they will purpose in their hearts to do so. It is in connection with some kind of definite service for the Lord. God has before ordained us as believers "unto good works that we should walk in them." All the power and energy of heaven will then be at our disposal to help us fulfill (fill to the full) every such godly resolution this coming year. We are to be "serving the living God." Have we been idlers in past years? Let us begin 1943 with our hand to the plow, turning a furrow some place in God's vineyard.—Prairie Pastor.

BACK TO THE BIBLE

Sir Charles Marston, who is excavating ruins in Bible lands, says, "It has become necessary to scrap most if not all, of what people have learned or read about the Old Testament in colleges and seminaries, in text-books, commentaries, and encyclopedias, and to go back to the original books of Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy, and Joshua." —Christian Faith and Life.

Christmas Banquet

Greeted by holly, mistletoe, spruce, lighted candles and soft music, the student body and faculty of Bryan University entered the dining hall on December the seventh to share in one of the most joyous occasions of the year, the Christmas Banquet.

The theme of the banquet, "Christmas," was carried out throughout the entire program, and in the musical numbers introduced by the toastmaster for the evening, Professor Lloyd Fish. Everything had been well planned by Mrs. Hartman, Director of Social Activities, and Miss Hess, University Dietitian.

Hazel Waller gave an original reading, "Christmas Wishes." Music for the banquet was furnished by Robert Collitt, who played as a trumpet solo "The First Noel." Other music for the evening was rendered by Gloria Hartman and a girls' trio composed of Gloria Hartman, Norma Rankin and Genevieve Pifer.

The Christmas surprise of the banquet was the presence of Captain Dwight W. Ryther, former Dean of the University, now serving with the United States Army in the Chemical Warfare Service. A special feature of the delicious and nicely served meal was the turkey given by Captain Ryther as a Christmas present for the occasion. After the banquet the student body and faculty retired to the chapel, where Captain Ryther told some of his experiences thus far in the service, emphasizing the opportunities and attendant difficulties of giving a Christian testimony in the Army.

Guest speaker for the banquet was the Reverend J. Fred Johnson, pastor of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Chattanooga. Rev. Johnson completed the theme of the banquet by pointing out in his message "the things that money cannot buy." Among some of those mentioned by Rev. Johnson were salvation, happiness, true Christmas spirit and true Christian home life. Rev. Johnson's message, sprinkled with humorous stories, was truly inspirational and was a fitting climax to the event.

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ALUMNI RESPONSE

"Contributing Alumni" . . .

With this slogan in mind, Captain Dwight W. Ryther, United States Army, formerly Dean of Bryan University, resolved that he would write to every alumnus, reminding them of the opportunities that had been opened to them at Bryan. Because others—staff, students, and Christian friends throughout the country—had been led of God to contribute in various ways to make possible the continuance and growth of the University, they, the alumni, had been enabled to complete four years of Christian higher education and to receive their degrees.

So, wrote Captain Ryther, he, as an honorary alumnus no longer on the staff and thus freed of self-interest, wanted to urge all of the alumni to sign a "gentleman's agreement" to send a portion of their tithe to the University monthly, "as He makes it possible."

Results have been gratifying and we are sure that Captain Ryther will be pleased to know that every class except '37 is represented by pledges from at least some of its members (how about it, '37?); that the class of '35 tops the others with 66% and the class of '41 is represented by pledges from 57% of its group; that the pledges received, from 21 out of 69 alumni, range in amount from \$1.00 to \$20.00 monthly.

Staff members, some of whom have given more than ten years of their lives to Bryan, are encouraged and warmed in heart by responses from those whom they have known and loved as students in previous years, and who are now assuming places of responsibility and importance in the world.

But others of the alumni will surely want to help too. What class will first have 100% of its members as "contributing alumni?" How many more of the alumni will pray for the University, and will share with the young people of today's classes what they of yesterday were given?

Thank You

We wish to thank all of our friends who remember us with Greetings and Gifts during the Holiday Season. Many greetings were addressed to the "Bryan University Family" and some were really intended that way, although addressed to staff members of the University. May God bless all of you.

One of the gifts was distributed after the students returned for the second quarter. In sending this gift our friend and University Trustee, Dr. William Seibert Houck of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, wrote as follows:

"Grateful to God for His unspeakable gift in Christ and for the high privilege of living and serving in such a day as this, and praying for a better year ahead for the University, for those in authority, for those who instruct, and for those who come under instruction, I enclose a New Year's check for one hundred dollars. As one time before, let each student have one dollar, each faculty member, too, and each other essential worker on the campus. If any 'basketfuls' are left, put that in Sam's account. If none is left we will take care of Sam later. . .

"My deep interest is in the work of the University, and my tender regards are to all of you in your faithful 'carrying on.' Be encouraged!"

DID YOU PRAY ON NEW YEAR'S DAY?

We are anxious to hear about New Year's Day Prayer Services. Did you pray for our nation? Did you pray for Bryan University? Did you pray for the Lord's work in general?

A fine service was held in the University chapel, with Professor Levengood giving the brief devotional message encouraging us to pray. We were led to pray first for our nation, and then for the University, and the related work for Him.

WHAT CHRIST DID

"Because we children of Adam want to be great—

HE BECAME SMALL.

Because we are always seeking to climb higher—

HE STEPPED DOWN.

Because we will not stoop—

HE HUMBLLED HIMSELF.

Because we want to rule—

HE CAME TO SERVE.

—"Sister Eva" of Friedenshort.

FORMER STUDENT THINKS ALL SHOULD HELP SAM

December 2, 1942.

Dear Mr. Fish:

Yesterday brought a gentle reminder to me that Sam needed some more help. I am sending you the help I promised a month or so ago.

I know it will take a lot of ten dollar gifts to pay indebtedness, but this gift is to be put on the debt of teachers' salaries. Edna, I believe, sent ten dollars last month for quarters in which married couples live. Since we ourselves can't attend, we want to help in making it easier for some other married couple to train for Christian service.

As I read the NEWSETTE each month, I wonder how the many readers can so casually lay it aside without sending a gift to the University.

I don't think it hurts to figure a little, so as I look at the financial problem facing the school I surmised this. There are over three thousand copies (Editor's Note: There are over eight thousand!) of the NEWSETTE sent out each month and if each person receiving a paper would send a dollar to Bryan each month, over \$36,000.00 would be realized. This calls for such a small part of a person's tithe that I almost want to call it selfishness to withhold this gift.

I wish every reader could see Bryan in the light I have come to look upon it. To me it is a Beacon on the Hill training young people to guide non-believers to Christ.

Although I can't tell you where I am and at present our outfit has no address, I want to send my greetings and gift. . . .

Always in Christ,
Sgt. Lester Hartschuh.

THE CHRISTIAN'S BODY

1. It is bought (1 Cor. 7:23; 6:20).
2. It is purchased with a great price (1 Peter 1:18, 19).
3. It is not your own (1 Cor. 6:19).
4. It is the temple of the Holy Spirit (1 Cor. 3:16, 17; 6:19).
5. It is to glorify God (1 Cor. 6:20).
6. It is for the Lord and the Lord is for the body (1 Cor. 6:13).
7. It is to magnify Christ (Phil. 1:20).
8. It is to manifest the life of Christ (2 Cor. 4:10).
9. It is to be controlled (1 Cor. 9:27).
10. It is to be dissolved in death (2 Cor. 5:1; Gen. 3:19).
11. It is to be changed when Christ comes (1 Cor. 15:51, 52).

Bryan University

CHRISTIAN SERVICE ASSOCIATION

The curriculum of Bryan University includes, besides its splendid academic course, many things necessary for the Christian who wants a symmetrical preparation for Christian Service. Bible study and a practical Christian application of the Gospel go hand in hand. Students cannot continue long in the atmosphere of the University without acquiring a real burden for lost souls, and they are encouraged to speak to those with whom they come in contact about the matter of salvation. Class instruction is provided to better equip the student for this heart to heart . . . individual with individual . . . evangelism, in some respects the most effective form of evangelism.

Soon after the students arrive at Bryan they are given opportunity for assignment to some phase of Christian work in the Community and surrounding mountain areas, for example: the Reform School, Jail, Street meetings, Sunday School classes, Child Evangelism classes, preaching in some of the Tennessee Mountain Chapels, and house to house visitation. These are opportunities to put into practice what is being learned from day to day, so that when they leave the classroom to begin life outside there is a feeling of confidence which experience gives.

The writer has just completed the report of the Students' Christian Service Work for November, 1942, and finds that the students report 34 conversions, 653 tracts and Scripture portions distributed, 96 personal interviews, and a weekly attendance at meetings of more than 800 persons.

Every other Wednesday evening the Faculty and Students meet for fellowship and prayer, when reports of their service work are given and requests for prayer are made. Seldom does one find such heart burden for the lost, the weary, and sin-sick, as is evidenced in the prayers of the students at Bryan.

Gratitude is in our hearts for the opportunities which are ours in this part of God's vineyard, and for all that has been accomplished, for we realize that it is possible only because of the faithfulness of our God and the loyalty of friends who have, in season and out of season, remembered us in prayer and gifts on behalf of a needy world.

Alma Rader,
Dean of Women.

Alumni Notes

In our Christmas mail was a lovely greeting, appropriate Mexican scenery done in water color and a snapshot of our missionary friends, Bill ('36) and Dot Wonderly, who are continuing their labors in Copainala, Chiapas, Mexico.

We understand by the "grapevine telegraph" that Franklin H. Bennett ('34) is now Assistant Director of the American Red Cross at Fort Eustis, Va.

In a recent bulletin from Dallas Seminary, Dallas, Texas, we were able to recognize in a student body picture the faces of two Bryan alumni, Howard Kee ('40) and Ben White ('40).

Lt. S. D. Hodges ('36) has been transferred to Fort Bliss, Texas.

Invitations were received to the wedding of James Furman ('41) and Miss Mary Edna Beck, of Altoona, Penna., which was performed in the First Baptist Church of Altoona on December 24th.

Another Bryan alumnus in the army: Lloyd Wilson ('36) at the Induction Center, Camp Forrest, Tennessee.

We are glad to mention again the effective witnessing to the Jews by our brother Edgerton Reid ('37) and Mrs. Reid, in Akron, Ohio, and nearby towns.

And since our last alumni report, the second generation is reported as follows:

A daughter, to Harold and Eileen Fuss ('40), in New Jersey.

A daughter to Ed ('39), and Joyce ('40) de Rossett, in New Jersey.

A son to Alvin ('40) and Mrs. Hall, in Florida.

A daughter to Dan ('41) and Mrs. Hirschy, in Pennsylvania.

THE WORLD NEEDS JESUS

A father was being disturbed by his little daughter and having trouble in reading his paper. To quiet her, he took a map of the world out of one of the papers, then tore the map into pieces and asked her to go into another room and put the world map together. Very soon she returned with delight, with the task completed. The father said: "How is it that you have done this so quickly when you do not know geography?" The little girl's reply was: "Well, Daddy, you see in Sunday school I learned about Jesus. His picture was on the other side of the page you gave me to put together. When I got Him in place, the world came out all right."—Arkansas Methodist.

APPRECIATES FORMER BRYAN STUDENT

Charles F. Lanier, Commander of Sixth District the American Legion, Department of Georgia, Macon, Georgia.

Dear NEWSETTE:

I look forward with keen interest and the deepest of appreciation to your coming into the home every time you make a visit. You are so full of joy and real every-day living and encouragement that I feel refreshed every time we meet.

Since one of your buddies is a soldier in Camp Wheeler, I thought that I might mention what an impression he has made in Macon.

First of all, your beloved President wrote a letter and in it told of the fine spirit of this soldier and that he had quite a talent for music.

At the first meeting of the Baptist Training Union that he attended, I introduced Carl Zytowski to the people. He was asked to sing at the general assembly of this meeting. Since that time he has been asked and complied with the request to sing at the Soldiers' program which we have every Sunday afternoon at 5:30.

I have a group of Grammar School boys known as "The Americanism Club" composed of 130 boys. He sang there.

Also each Sunday morning I go to the largest cafeteria in the city where a group of us have organized a Sunday School for the workers, both white and black, who never get an opportunity to go to any religious service on Sunday because of their work. There are 45 to 50 there. He sang there. At the Christmas cantata put on by young people, he sang the leading role.

Tonight I have just returned from the evening service in the First Baptist Church of which I am a member and Carl sang, to a full house, a solo which held the congregation spell-bound. So you see, Newsette, one of your buddies is well thought of in our city in a short time, thanks to your good president.

Wishing you many, many happy experiences during the year, with enough disappointments to keep you humble before our God, and enough encouragements to keep you fit and strong enough to face the uncertainties of the new days ahead, I am

Sincerely yours,

Charles F. Lanier.

"Don't look back; don't stand still; keep climbing."—Dr. Stone.

Sam Says:

Dear Folks:

Dr. Houck is right in saying "Be encouraged." As you see from the report of Gift Receipts, December was a much better month than November. January has started off even

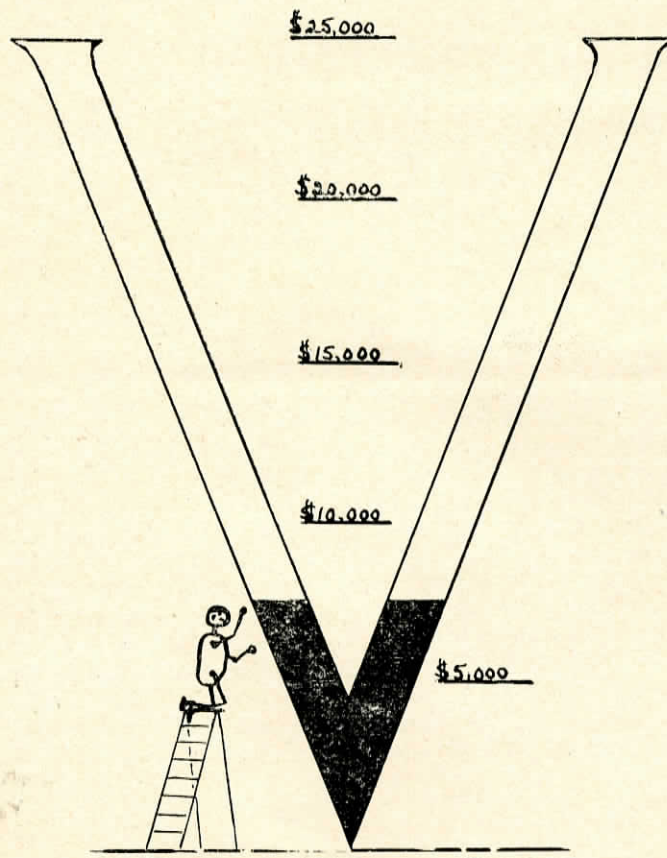
better. The prayers for Bryan University, on New Year's Day, must be helping materially as well as spiritually. Keep on praying while we "carry on."

Yours, for a better 1943,

Sam

December Gift Receipts

1026\$ 3.50	106225.00	10982.00	11345.00
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10475.00	10831.00	11195.00	11551.00
10482.00	10842.00	11201.00	11563.00
104910.00	10851.00	112115.00	11573.00
10505.00	10861.00	112210.00	115825.00
10511.00	10871.00	11234.00	11591.00
10521.00	10882.00	112425	11605.00
105310.00	10894.00	11255.00	11611.00
10542.00	10902.00	11261.00	11626.00
10553.00	10915.00	112710.00	11631.00
10565.00	10921.00	11285.00	11643.00
10571.00	10932.00	11292.00	11651.00
10583.00	10945.00	11302.00	11662.00
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Receipts to December 31.....\$7,765.40

Total\$1,507.23

For God and Country

(Let's write regularly to our friends in the armed forces. They like to be remembered.)

Captain Ryther (Providence, Rhode Island)

"You folks at Bryan, until you have gone out into the world and lived with men who know our Lord's Name only as a curse word, will never quite know what it meant to me to sit once again on Bryan Hill, to hear once again Bryan voices uplifting their praise to Him, and to see anew the faces of those whom the days and years have but added love upon love. How I thank Him for the peace and joy of my homecoming. It was a real blessing to me and cause for continued thanks for continued goodness."

Lt. John H. Wright (Camp Blanding, Florida)

"I would love to hear from some of you to learn how the good old gang is getting along. So don't disappoint me too much. Keep up the good work and continue to uphold that faith which overcomes all heartaches. Milton Murphy was over to see me in our Officers' Quarters. We get together to talk over Bryan days. They were happy days. . . ."

Pvt. Neil Benfer (Camp Forrest, Tennessee)

"The Bible Class was especially good and helpful tonight. I went to the barracks with one of the other fellows afterwards, and we both realize the need of depending on Him as well as our own lack of power without Him. I can truly say that these times together, when we study the Word, have been the best times in the Army."

Dick Mowrey (Navy Yard, Philadelphia, Penna.)

"I received a very nice little Christmas present from the Navy . . . was accepted in the school of my choice, Photography. Orders state that I shall proceed to Pensacola, Florida." Mark Levensgood, So. M. 3/c (Key West, Florida)

"I am so thankful the Lord is blessing materially and what is even more important—spiritually. I have met a few Christian sailors. . . . We certainly have some blessed times of fellowship together."

Warren Wynkoop (Harrisburg, Penn.)

"I'd like to see all the kids again. It seems ages since I used to spend Saturday nights—on campus. I almost miss those interviews with the Captain."